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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Village of Riverside on the occasion of its 150th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, The area now known as Riverside was originally home to diverse Native American communities long before the arrival of European explorers and traders; and

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WHEREAS, In the 1820s, the Riverside area served as a major trading post due to its proximity to the Chicago Portage and the Portage Trail, and the location welcomed many settlers from the 1830s to the 1860s; and

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WHEREAS, The Riverside Improvement Company hired Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux to prepare a town plan for the area along the bend of the Des Plaines River in 1869; and

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WHEREAS, Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux conceived the General Plan of Riverside, which the Riverside Improvement Company quickly began implementing; and

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WHEREAS, The residents of unincorporated Riverside determined that a proper village government was necessary to complete the General Plan of Riverside and to provide

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1 essential public services for their new town, and the 29  
2 residents of Riverside voted to officially incorporate the  
3 Village of Riverside as a municipality of the State of  
4 Illinois on August 8, 1875; and

5 WHEREAS, Riverside's incorporation was a pivotal moment  
6 that established the village as an independent municipal  
7 entity with its own governing structure and the ability to  
8 implement local ordinances, manage public services, and  
9 preserve and grow the community's unique character; and

10 WHEREAS, Due to the volunteer efforts of Riverside  
11 residents for the past 150 years, the essence of Frederick Law  
12 Olmsted and Calvert Vaux's General Plan remains intact, with  
13 the village still consisting of expansive green parkways and  
14 public spaces, gas-lit street lanterns, and curvilinear  
15 streets; as a result, the village has enjoyed a National  
16 Historic Landmark designation since 1970; and

17 WHEREAS, Riverside is celebrating its 150th anniversary of  
18 incorporation in 2025, presenting an occasion to celebrate the  
19 past, acknowledge the present, and envision a bright future  
20 for generations to come; and

21 WHEREAS, Through celebrating this sesquicentennial  
22 anniversary, the residents of the Village of Riverside have

1 been given the opportunity to honor the legacy of Riverside,  
2 to honor the 19th-century volunteers who understood the  
3 necessity and benefits of self-government, and to honor 20th  
4 and 21st-century volunteers who have continued to preserve and  
5 respect the village; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we congratulate the Village of Riverside on the occasion of  
9 its sesquicentennial anniversary; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
11 presented to the leaders of the Village of Riverside as a  
12 symbol of our respect and esteem.